and Rocket propulsion and Punjabi University, Patiala offers M.Sc. programme in Astronomy and Space Science. Andhra University provides a post-M.Sc. diploma course in Space Science and Technology. The Commission also provides support to eight universities for M.Sc. programmes in Atmospheric Sciences.

The courses/programmes to be offered by Universities are decided by the universities themselves. However, UGC is of the view that since science and technology is a multi-disciplinary subject a specific course encompassing all branches of space science and technology would be difficult to introduce as a part of the undergraduate curricula.

Line of Affluence

91. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal of Line of Affluence; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. "Line of affluence" has been used as an expression to convey the idea that excessive accumulation of unproductive wealth is undesirable.

Irrigation projects in Maharashtra pending clearance

92. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) which Irrigation Projects of Maharashtra are pending clearance from Environment & Forest angle; and

(b) what are the reasons for this pending and when they are likely to be cleared giving the details, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) The status of irrigation projects of Maharashtra awaiting environmental and forestry clearance is given below:

Environmental Clearance

1. Lower Wunna Irrigation project. 2. Waghur Irrigation project.	On the basis of environmental data furnished these projects will be discussed by the Appraisal Committee in its next meeting.

Forest Clearance

1. Minor Irrigation Tank, Wadnera. Distt. Aurangabad. 2. Hirwani Irrigation project, Distt. Raigarh. 3. Kararasai Minor Irrigation project, Distt. Pune.	To be discussed by the Advisory Committee in its next meeting. Under process.